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Dear Ms. Henney,

I am concerned that the FDA does not care about the people or the environment. I say this because I believe consumers and the environment are at grave risk because of genetically engineered food. I strongly disagree with the FDA's approval to allow genetically engineered food onto the shelves of our stores. The testing that you perform "for safety" is so limited that no ethical scientist would be able to make a claim of safety as the FDA has made. This is even while your own FDA scientists have asserted that there are indeed toxics and allergic reactions that could be dangerous to our health. Even recent research has shown that there could be highly significant health effects to humans from GMO's. In fact there is a total lack of testing with no requirements to safety-test genetically engineered foods for the long or short term, and for you to state that GMO's are safe, and that you are basing your position on science is just bogus! Can you please explain why you are misleading the public? When the FDA breaks the law and knowingly allows potentially dangerous products to be sold to consumers without their knowledge, who is held accountable?

As a scientist and engineer myself, these are my concerns:

- Biotechnology will not feed the world! Terminator technology takes the control of our food supply away from the farmer at the local level and puts it into the hands of the monopolistic multinational corporations that do not have the best interest of the people in mind. Pesticide resistant crops like Roundup ready soybeans will only increase the use of pesticides on our foods, toxics in our water supply, and in the environment. (You are not protecting the people when you allow biotechnology, you are only protecting corporate profit.)
- There is very little information available about the health effects of genetically engineered crops. When multi-national companies like Monsanto hold all the patents to these crops, and farmers (world-wide) have no choice but to continually purchase the multinational's seeds because the 'hybrid' plants cannot reproduce normally, then there is a big problem on the horizon for the people and the environment.
- Genetically Modified Organisms have NOT been studied enough to make any long-term conclusions that they are safe for our health or the environment. (For you to say otherwise is bogus and NOT based on ethical science but on corporate subverted science!)

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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